GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TOURISM AND CULTURE
LOK SABHA

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DEVELOPMENT OF HERITAGE SITES BY I.O.C.
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Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) Whether the Archaeological Survey of India has signed any Memorandum of Understanding with Indian Oil Corporation to develop five heritage sites as reported in the `Hindustan Times` dated March 31, 2001;

(b) if so, the names thereof, location/State-wise;

(c) The criteria fixed for selecting the heritage sites for development;

(d) the expenditure likely to be incurred on each of the selected heritage sites during 2001-2002;

(e) Whether any instructions have been issued the developing authorities to uplift the site without causing any obstruction to beautify the monuments;

(f) if so, the details thereof; and

(g) the details of other heritage sites proposed to be adopted by I.O.C. for development in future, location/State-wise?

Answer

MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI ANANTH KUMAR)

(a)&(b) Yes, Sir. A Memorandum of Understanding has been signed by the Indian Oil Foundation ,National Culture Fund and the Archaeological Survey of India to develop the following five sites:

i. Qutab Minar, New Delhi.
ii. Sun Temple,Konark,Orissa
iii Rock-cut caves Kanheri, Maharahstra
iv. Group of Monuments, Hampi, Bellary ,Karnataka
v. Group of temples, Khajuraho, Chattarpur, Madhya Pradesh

(c) Important monuments which attract a large number of tourist and which are in need of essential tourist amenities have been identified for overall development.

(d) An amount of Rs.3.5 crores has been earmarked for the overall development of the five selected sites during 2001-2002.

(e)&(f) The activities involved in upgrading the sites will not compromise the historic integrity of the sites in any manner.

(g) Further proposals have not been finalised.